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A Word Felt Spoken.

Judge Miller yesterday rebuked counsel for advising the lawless element of the District that the killing of a policeman would not, under certain circumstances, be a crime. As the judge said, "We want no more education of these people as to the murder of officers; they are bad enough anyhow." The assertion and the rebuke had their origin in the case of a woman who, when arrested on the charge of running a speakeasy, threw hot lye in the faces of the two officers who had raided the establishment. By the best of good fortune, the representatives of the law were not blinded; by the best of good fortune, they were not through with comparatively little mutilation. It is urged in the woman's defense that because the officers had no written warrant for the arrest she had a right to assault the law's representatives; her counsel says she would have been justified in killing the police. The court is entitled to and will doubtless receive the thanks of law-abiding Washington for discouraging the idea that policemen may be assaulted with impunity by any person who imagines that some particular act of the officer is without legal authority. Occasionally a policeman is officious and does something he had better have left undone; that fact always develops within a few hours, and the development will not be assisted by violence on the part of the person in properly arrested. In the case in question, the officers claimed to have been witnesses to the law's violation, and if that was true, the officers did not need a warrant. It is a safe thing for the general public to believe that the police force is active, the daily, in the public interest. The court did well to declare itself in opposition to a doctrine which, carried into practice, would encourage the mutilation and murder of policemen.

The Commissioners and Bicyclists.

Bicyclists generally will appreciate the opportunity to be afforded them by the District Commissioners to discuss the police regulations which are of most interest to those who ride a wheel within the District of Columbia. The wheelmen should now see to it that they have their ablest representatives at the conference. A plain, simple and logical presentation of the injustice which occasionally results from unduly strict application of regulations now in force will doubtless lead to remedial amendments by the Commissioners. One of the issues to be made is essential to the comfort and peace of mind of a large percentage of wheelmen, and that is the one which has to do with the outrageous locking-up, like common criminals, of those who are arrested for having unlit lamps or who are guilty of slight infractions of the regulations if they do not happen to have the necessary collateral for their appearance in court. The wheelmen themselves should be ample security; they are invariably worth at least ten times as much as the amount of collateral criminally required. Those wheelmen who are caught searching and endangering the lives of pedestrians and other bicyclists should not, however, be included in any dispensation of this sort that the Commissioners may see fit to grant. The more dismal the dungeon the scorcher gets the better it will be for everyone in general and sensible wheelmen in particular.

The populist convention failed to do business last night because the hall could not be illuminated, but the darkness was not all disadvantage. Mrs. Mary E. Lease was on the platform, but declined to talk to an audience she could not see. "Wait until they turn on the lights," said she, "and I'll talk to you all night." The lights were turned on, after that announcement, and there was an immediate cessation of the wild clamor for electricity. The issue of compensation seems to be recognized even by the populists.

Boston is thinking of trying to persuade baseball nine to change its object in life and resolve itself into a Brawling Society. It is true that the members do not know anything about Brawling, but that is not regarded as an adequate excuse for their continuing to play baseball.

Mr. Sewall has yet to learn how much he will be expected to contribute to the free silver campaign fund if the populists single him out for slaughter.

If the St. Louis populists should determine to nominate Mr. Bryan he ought, in self-protection, to insist on being allowed to edit the platform.

The populists would scarcely feel that they had attained to the dignity of a real political party unless they could boast the luxury of a few bolters.

Are Platform and Ticket Separable?
The decision of Secretary Hoke Smith's newspaper to support the Chicago ticket is, so far, the greatest surprise of the campaign. The action, it is true, is qualified. The ticket is taken and the bulk of the platform rejected, but even that causes the politicians to wonder.

Mr. Smith, it is pointed out, is not only a member of the administration which the Chicago convention repudiated, but the one member of it on record by overt action this spring to try and give to affairs a different turn. When silver began to rear its head so high he promptly took the field in Georgia and challenged all comers. Mr. Carlisle was asked to take this step in Kentucky, but declined. Mr. Herbert did not interpose himself in Alabama, nor Mr. Wilson in West Virginia, nor Mr. Hammon in Ohio. They stood back and gave silver a clear field. But Mr. Smith girded on his armor and invited combat, and got it. Judge Crisp met him in joint debate, and Mr. Smith's friends were very much pleased with the account he gave of himself.

Now, Mr. Smith is the only member of the administration who accepts the Chicago result. Some have not spoken, but the position of all the others is known, and it meets rejection with rejection. If the convention would have none of the administration, the administration will have none of those who represent the convention. The other members of the Cabinet find it impossible to separate the ticket and the platform, and hence they reject both.

This opens up the inquiry into political circles: Can the ticket and the platform be separated? How is it possible? Mr. Bryan accepts the platform in good faith in its entirety, and if elected President will endeavor to have it carried out. His sincerity of purpose is not questioned in any quarter. Those who advocate his election, therefore, advocate the putting of great power into the hands of a man whose purpose is fully known, and who will use the power for the ends described. And, what is more, as is suggested, every increase of the enthusiasm for Mr. Bryan is an aid toward electing a Congress to support him.

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This is the difficulty in the way of understanding Mr. Smith's present attitude. The attitude of his newspaper is that of himself. He has not changed his mind on the money question, and does not, of course, subscribe to the feeling that controlled the Chicago convention respecting his chief, his cabinet associates and himself. But he will support a ticket whose success at the polls will mean the undoing of nearly everything that the present administration has done, and in the matter of free coinage alone will cause, as Mr. Smith believes, incalculable distress to the country.

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Snowballs and Ice Cream.
While bacteriology has greatly aided to the hygiene of the world it cannot be denied that it has also robbed humanity of some pleasures and many more or less agreeable dangers. That it should now attack so gratifying a commodity as ice cream and impugn so apparently innocent an article as the "snowball" was not to be dreamed of, notwithstanding the propensity of that science to stop at nothing. But the finger of suspicion has been pointed at both the ice cream and the snowball, and the voice of medical science cries out against them. The British Institute of Preventive Medicine recently caused an analysis and a microscopic examination to be made of samples of the ice cream sold in the streets of London at penny prices and a most shocking result was obtained. The microscope revealed all sorts of dirt and the chemical reagents developed the presence of the most harmful substances in the flavoring extracts or in the milk used, or obtained from the receptacle. Enumeration is useless. Suffice it to say that according to this examination English ice cream as sold on the streets is a most unwholesome, dangerous article.

Meanwhile the physicians of Philadelphia have been delving into the scientific nature of the snowball, that seemingly harmless waif of scraped ice tinged with flavors. It has not come out of the test very successfully. Fusel oil, that peculiar poison that reduces the system and creates a craving for more stimulant of the same kind, was found in almost every flavoring extract. Other cases were found where the extracts had deteriorated, by souring or some other cause, until the snowballs flavored with them were positively dangerous to the health of children. In summer time, when the climatic conditions are ripe for diseases of the stomach, the greatest care must be taken, especially with the little ones, as to regimen and diet, and many a case of serious illness and perhaps death might be traced to such a cause as the carelessness of the makers of extracts or the undue economy of the vendors.

At all events enough is now known of both commodities to warrant further inquiry, for the matter is seriously important. Perhaps the local health officer might institute a profitable field for midsummer investigation.

"Cyclone" Davis will now proceed to convince St. Louis that the previous visitor bearing his trade mark was a feeble imitation.

Two hundred and twenty men—only two hundred and twenty—labored on the new city post office building today.

If a flow of language could win the presidency the populists would be perfectly safe in playing a lone hand.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Convincing Circumstance.
"There has been another big fight," remarked the Spanish officer.

"How do you know?"
"General's got ink on his fingers."

A St. Louis Marmar.
The cyclone sighed, "How could I know I'd miss this chance through too much haste?"

It plunges me in utter woe
To see these whisksers go to waste."

A Delicate Compliment.
"Mabel," said the man who favors free silver, "that young man who calls to see you remains altogether too late. It was after half-past 12 when he started for home last night."

"I can't help it, father."

"Can't you give him some kind of a hint?"

"I did. But he said he had too much respect for your sentiments to think of leaving until 16 minutes to 1."

A Tribute.
"Golf is a great thing," said the man who was leaning against a wheel.

"I didn't know you played it."

"I don't know the rudiments of it. But it's a great institution, just the same. I don't know what we'd have done for bicycle clothes without it."

Her Suggestion.
"Jabez," she said quietly, "I heard you tell the other day how ter git this country out'n financial difficulties."

"Yes. An' what I told was right."

"I reckon that's mighty vallyble information."

"Course 'tis."

"Well, I wish ye could git a chance ter swap it off with some feller fer a receipt fer gittin' the mortgage off'n the farm."

A Philanthropist.
"What's the use o' tollin' in this burnin' climate?"

"What's the use o' workin' any place er time?"

I hev heard of people—
Tight good fellers too—
Made themselves conspic'ous
Wantin' work ter do.

Each man to 'is pleasure;
Give 'em all fair play.
Sech folks can't complain of me
A-standin' in their way.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "gratinate dah vanity moh by bein' outer style dan uddah men moh by bein' in it."

A Big Hit.
Trolley President—"How does that new fender work?"

Superintendent—"I never saw anything like it. They never know what strikes them."

From Life.

Men's Bargains.

(Friday only.)
50c for the 10c Silk Stocking
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Palais Royal.

Tomorrow's Friday bargains shall be magnetic.

98c
for those \$1.48 Waists.

Ladies know of this lot, on third floor, at \$1.48 for choice. They know \$1.48 is much less than the former prices of many of these waists.

Look for them tomorrow, on first-floor tables, at 98c for choice. All sizes from 32 to 44 inclusive, and plenty of the most wanted—34, 36 and 38 inches.

\$1.48
for those \$2.25 Waists.

These are the High-grade Waists formerly sold at fancy prices, lately reduced to \$2.25. The best of real grass linen, imported dimity and French lawn waists.

All sizes in most wanted and scarcest styles and colors. \$1.48 tomorrow for choice. They'll be where the crowd will find them tomorrow.

39c
for those \$1.48 Waists.

You know they were up to \$1.48, but lately reduced to 48 cents for choice. Friday's price is to be 39c.

59c
for the "soft" Waists.

59c tomorrow for the Ladies' 98c and \$1.25 Waists—those with crush collar, bishop sleeves, &c.

On first floor.

98c Wrappers for 89c.

This is the combination lot of \$1.25 and \$1.29 Wrappers lately reduced to 98c for choice. Sizes 32 to 44, in white, morning effects and pinks, blues, greens, etc.

\$1.68 Wrappers for \$1.10.

A combination is made of the \$1.48 and \$1.68 Wrappers, at \$1.10 for choice. Some branded, some lace trimmed, a few with the Paris style zomax jacket; all new styles.

\$1.98 Parasols, \$1.68.

This is the \$1.98 lot that includes all styles of Parasols formerly sold at \$1.98, \$2.25 and \$2.48.

25c Hose for 14c.

Most ladies know of these Fast Black and Tan Hose, with double soles and high-spliced heels, ribbed and plain. And note the 25c Ribbed Vests are 14c for tomorrow.

\$1 garments for 49c.

These are the Cotton and Cambric Undergarments representing the surplus summer stock of D. E. Scherer of New York. Some are worth more than \$1, as you will plainly see.

\$3.98 Yokes for \$1.35.

All the Best Grass Linen Yoke Collars, marked at \$2.68 and \$3.98, are to be \$1.35 for choice.

8c Embroideries, 3c.

The Swiss and Cambric Edges that are selling from 5c to 8c are to be made one lot tomorrow, at 3c for choice.

39c. Laces for 29c.

This is the 39c lot of Best Grass Linen Laces that includes pieces worth up to \$1.10.

19c Veils for 11c.

The Palais Royal's Veils are known to most women. 11 cents for tomorrow only.

25c Ribbons for 11c.

These are the Ribbons of the 11c bargain table—the last of quickest selling Ribbons. Actual values 15c to 25c yard.

5c Books for 2c.

Paper Bound Novels, many thousands of which have sold at 5c each since last Monday. 2c each, but not more than five to each buyer.

10c Curling Irons, 2c.

The 10c 25c Shampooing Brushes, 25c Feather Pens, 2c for 5c cabinet of Hairpins, 5c for 3c Dress Shields, 1c for 5c Corset Clips.

50c Gloves for 43c.

The Kayser Silk Gloves—a new pair given if the gloves are in holes. Black, white and colors. 43c for tomorrow only.

SUGAR REDUCED

JOHNSTON, 729 7TH ST. N.W.
SUGAR REDUCED
For
TOMORROW,
4 3/4c.

Tomorrow we will make a special Sugar day—we mean by this we'll slash the price down still further—4 3/4c per pound is our price for Friday on Best Sugar. Leave your Sugar orders on Friday, and be delivered Saturday. Now is the time for preserving and canning fruit. The fruit crop is large, and no one should leave the present opportunity pass for buying sugar supplies.

We have just received 2,000 large Decorated Two-part Madeira Pitchers, which we are going to give to our one tomorrow.

To each purchaser of one pound of Good Household Tea, Oolong Tea, Best Mocha or Coffee, we give one pound of Best Java and Mocha Coffee, we will give either one of the above named large Decorated Pitchers, a large Decorated Vase or a Gold-band China Cup, Saucer and Plate.

Any purchaser preferring the special present of 5 pounds of Best Granulated Sugar with the same quantity (above mentioned) of Tea or Coffee instead of china ware will be accommodated.

8,000 POUNDS OF LARD TO GO AT A HUMMING CUT-PRICE SALE.

Tomorrow we make a special and unprecedented cut in the price of Lard—5 cents per pound. Buy it Friday, buy it in 10-pound lots—25-pound lots—50-pound lots—100-pound lots—but don't miss this chance. We'll sell you any quantity down to one pound.

2,000 pounds of the good, old-fashioned Artichoke Coffee will be sold by us tomorrow for 25 cents per pound package. 25c per pound. Buy it Friday, buy it in 10-pound lots—25-pound lots—50-pound lots—100-pound lots—but don't miss this chance. We'll sell you any quantity down to one pound.

1,000 Half-bushel Baskets, with double handles, at 5 cents each.

We would call your attention to our special sale on the prices of Smoked Sausages, Shoulders, ham, etc. We'll sell 5,000 pounds of the absolutely low price 5c cents per pound. The special in the Toilet Soap department is a box of three bars, Honey, Rose, Glycerine, 7 cents per box.

In the Cake and Cracker department we are cutting the price of best Mixed Cakes to 12 cents, and Cream Crackers for 10 cents. Buy them for tomorrow. In the Meat department we will sell Best Large Fresh Ribs for 12c per lb. Large Watermelons on ice for 15 cents each.

The Baby Brand Condensed Milk is in fact the best. 10 cents per can, or \$1.10 per dozen. Lay in a supply of Matches while we are cutting the price; 12c a dozen tomorrow for the large boxes.

The special in Flavoring Extracts is 10 cents for the 25c bottles of Vanilla. Also in Spices, 8 cents for one-fourth pound of Pepper, Cloves, Nutmeg, Allspice, Cloves in 1/2 lb. Department the Extra Large Sweet Potatoes for 5 cents per pound.

Johnston's, 729 7th St.

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616 12th St. 1204 G St.

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Bargains in Gas Stoves.

3-burner High Grade Gas Stove, best burner, \$2.00
1-burner Large Gas Range, \$19. Now, \$13.00
1-burner Gas Oven, with burners, \$8. Now, \$4.00
1-burner Gas Stove, with broiler and oven complete, \$11. Now, \$6.00
1-burner Gas Stove, \$17.50. Now, \$13.35
1 Tin Oven, \$1.50. Now, 96c.
1 Tin Oven, very large, \$2.50. Now, \$1.50
Steam Cookers, with latest improvements, \$1.90
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937-939 F St.
Great Manufacturers' Stock Sale

—of Ready-made Goods, Waists, &c.

Our buyers have made another ten strike and sent us some manufacturers' stocks that we can sell at prices that will surprise you easy-going people. They seem remarkably small for good goods, and they are small. No other circumstance would permit us to go so far under real values.

\$2 Skirts, 98c.

\$4 Skirts, \$1.98.

\$7.50 Skirts \$4.98

\$12 Skirts, \$7.98.

\$1.25 Skirts, 89c.